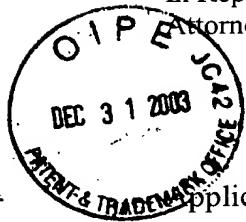


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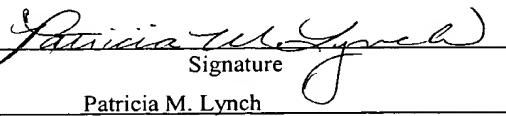
**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2003, Applicant hereby submits an accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, Declarations Under 37 CFR §1.132, and the following remarks.

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